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high, is again cut and burned and planted, and so on over and over again, the tree growth becoming weaker each time, until the coarse grass (cogon) gets in, and with it the annual fires, and then there is an end to Indian cultivation, and where were once tall forests, grassy plains take their place. This process can be seen on any island of the Philippines in all its stages. In some places the people are trying to overcome the cogon with the poor Chinese plows and the buffalo, but it is a slow way, and most of them prefer to move on to the forests again. By this means the central islands, which are the most thickly peopled, have become for the most part covered with grass, while the more sparsely settled islands of the west and south remain in forest.

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